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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING JULY 7:

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO CONFIRM A MEETING BETWEEN PRIME  
MINISTER RABIN AND SECRETARY KISSINGER IN BONN NEXT SATURDAY?

A. I DO NOT. THERE IS NO FIRM PLAN, AS YET, FOR A MEETING.

BUT ON BACKGROUND, OBVIOUSLY ONE SHOULD NOT RULE OUT SUCH A  
MEETING. I CHECKED WITH THE SECRETARY THIS MORNING AND  
THERE WAS NO FIRM PLAN SET ON THIS, AS YET.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE ISRAELI ATTACKS IN  
LEBANON TODAY?

A. WELL, THE MANY OCCASIONS WE HAVE SEEN THAT THERE HAVE  
BEEN ACTS OF TERROR WHICH LEAD TO COUNTER-VIOLENCE -- AND  
WE, OF COURSE, PROFOUNDLY REGRET IT WHEN INNOCENT LIVES

ARE LOST.

BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS CYCLE OF VIOLENCE CAN ONLY BE  
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BROKEN WHEN DEPLORABLE TERRORIST ACTS SUCH AS THE ONE ON  
JULY 4, IN JERUSALEM, CEASE

AND THE ONLY OTHER COMMENT THAT I MIGHT MAKE IS THAT,  
OBVIOUSLY -- AND WE HAVE SAID THIS MANY TIMES BEFORE--  
THAT THIS CYCLE OF VIOLENCE DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE  
ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST -- WHICH CAN ONLY  
COME ABOUT BY NEGOTIATION.

Q. YOU REFERRED TWICE OR THREE TIMES IN THE STATEMENT TO  
THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE. SO THEN, YOU ARE SAYING THAT THE  
ISRAELI ATTACK WAS IN RETALIATION?

A. YES.

Q. DO YOU KNOW THAT -- THAT IT WAS RETALIATORY FOR THE JERUSALEM --

A. I AM ASSUMING THAT.

Q. YOU ARE ASSUMING THAT?

A. YES, SIR.

Q. DO YOU LINK THESE ATTACKS AND THE CAPTURE OF MORGAN?

A. NO, I DO NOT. I CAN'T LINK IT.

AS I SAID TO YOU EARLIER, AS TO THE REASONS WHY COLONEL MORGAN WAS ABDUCTED -- IT IS VERY UNCLEAR, AND SO OBVIOUSLY, I CANNOT MAKE ANY SUCH LINK.

Q. THESE ATTACKS SEEM TO MARK EFFORTS SUCH AS THE SECRETARY IS NOW UNDERTAKING IN THE MIDDLE EAST -- IS THAT A FAIR ASSUMPTION, THAT THE SECRETARY -- AND OF COURSE-- THE SECRETARY'S DIPLOMACY BRINGS ON SUCH ATTACKS -- MUCH AS THE DIPLOMACY MUST BE PURSUED?

A. WELL, I HAVE HEARD IN THE PAST FIFTEEN MONTHS SINCE I HAVE BEEN ON THIS JOB, MANY SUCH COMMENTS. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF SUCH ATTACKS.

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I DON'T THINK IT WOULD SERVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE FOR ME TO TRY AND LINK THIS LATEST VIOLENT ATTACK IN JERUSALEM TO THE CURRENT EFFORTS THAT WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE, TO KEEP THE NEGOTIATIONS MOVING.

Q. THEN YOU ARE NOT ACCEPTING THE ASSUMPTION IN THE QUESTION?

A. WHAT IS THE ASSUMPTION IN THE QUESTION?

Q. THE ASSUMPTION IN THE QUESTION WAS THAT THE SECRETARY'S DIPLOMACY BROUGHT ON THESE ATTACKS.

A. WELL, I WILL TELL YOU, I THINK IT WOULD BE FOOLISH OF ME TO TRY AND DIVINE WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE MINDS OF THOSE THAT MADE THE ATTACK IN JERUSALEM.

Q. DO YOU KNOW WHETHER THE SECRETARY IS GOING TO MEET AMBASSADOR DINITZ?

A. HE WILL DEFINITELY MEET WITH AMBASSADOR DINITZ. HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THE AMBASSADOR ON HIS RETURN

FROM ISRAEL.

I JUST SAW THE TICKER, BEFORE I CAME IN, WHICH INDICATED THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAS RETURNED. HE WILL SEE HIM BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR EUROPE ON WEDNESDAY MORNING. I CANNOT GIVE YOU A TIME YET. I WILL, AS SOON AS IT IS SET.#

Q. ARE YOU SURPRISED AND/OR DISAPPOINTED THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT MADE NO DECISION SUNDAY?

A. I THINK, ON THE REPORTS THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN THE PRESS SO FAR OF THE ISRAELI CABINET'S DELIBERATIONS, OBVIOUSLY, I DO NOT WANT TO COMMENT ON THEM. THIS WILL BE, I WOULD ASSUME, THE PRINCIPAL SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN AMBASSADOR DINITZ AND SECRETARY KISSINGER WHEN THEY MEET-- EITHER TODAY OR TOMORROW.

Q. WHAT IS HE COMMENTING ON? ARE YOU --  
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A. I AM NOT COMMENTING ON WHETHER I AM SURPRISED OR DISAPPOINTED.

Q. BUT DO YOU SHARE THE VIEW THAT THERE WAS NO DECISION BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, OR AT LEAST ONE WAS NOT ANNOUNCED?

A. I THINK THAT ONE HAS TO AWAIT AMBASSADOR DINITZ'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, WHEN HE WILL, PRESUMABLY, RECEIVE A VERY FULLY REPORT ON THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE CABINET MEETING. I DON'T KNOW.

I DO NOT HAVE A FULL REPORT OF THE DELIBERATIONS.

Q. WELL SURELY, HE CAN'T HAVE BEEN VERY PLEASED ABOUT THE LACK OF A DECISION YESTERDAY SINCE HE WAS TELLING REPORTERS AT CAMP DAVID ON SATURDAY, THAT HE WAS EXPECTING A DECISION ON SUNDAY -- AND THEN HE WOULD BE ABLE TO DETERMINE A LITTLE MORE ABOUT HIS TRIP.

A. I GOT NO EXPRESSION ON THIS FROM THE SECRETARY THIS MORNING.

AS HE TOLD ME, HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THE RESULTS OF THE CABINET MEETING, WITH AMBASSADOR DINITZ IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE -- TODAY OR TOMORROW -- AND I JUST CANNOT COMMENT ANY FURTHER, BEFORE SUCH A MEETING.

Q. DO YOU EXPECT THAT A DECISION ON THE RABIN-KISSINGER MEETING WILL BE DETERMINED AT THE MEETING WITH DINITZ?

A. MIGHT BE.

Q. YOU ARE NOT SURE?

A. NO.

Q. DOES AMBASSADOR EILTS, IN CAIRO, HAVE ANY MEETINGS SCHEDULED WITH THE EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS THIS WEEK?

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A. WELL HE HAS -- I DON'T KNOW ABOUT FUTURE MEETINGS -- SEEN FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMI AT THE END OF LAST WEEK OR OVER THIS WEEKEND -- I CAN'T REMEMBER WHICH -- BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE KEPT CLOSELY AND IMMEDIATELY INFORMED, IN LINE WITH THE CONTINUING DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES, OF ANY AND ALL DEVELOPMENTS THAT MAY OCCUR.

AND AMBASSADOR EILTS WILL, AS HE HAS BEEN, MOST PROBABLY BE THE CONDUIT OF SUCH INFORMATION.

Q. DID THE STATE DEPARTMENT, EITHER OFFICIALLY OR UNOFFICIALLY, OR IN ANY WAY -- BY INDIVIDUALS IN THE DEPARTMENT -- OR OTHERWISE -- HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE FULBRIGHT VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST -- INCLUDING HIS VISIT WITH YASSAR ARAFAT?

A. I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA. I AM SURE THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH FORMER SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S VISIT WITH MR. ARAFAT.

WHETHER THE STATE DEPARTMENT HELPED FACILITATE OTHER ASPECTS OF HIS TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST -- I DO NOT KNOW,

BUT I WOULD ASSUME THAT WE PROBABLY DID.

BUT I WILL BE GLAD TO LOOK INTO THAT.

Q. HAS HE REPORTED HIS IMPRESSIONS?

A. I DON'T KNOW.

Q. HAS HE REPORTED --

A. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER HE HAS REPORTED BUT I WILL LOOK INTO IT.

Q. WELL, HE REPORTED TO THE PRESIDENT.

A. I WAS UNAWARE OF THAT.

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AND I AM UNAWARE OF WHAT MIGHT HAVE GONE ON BETWEEN  
SENATOR FULBRIGHT AND THE PRESIDENT.

BUT I WILL SEE IF HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE SECRETARY.  
I WOULD ASSUME HE PROBABLY HAS BEEN, BUT I HAVEN'T  
ACTUALLY CHECKED IT OUT.

Q. WOULD YOU ALSO CHECK, WHILE YOU ARE DOING IT, ON  
WHETHER OR NOT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN ANY FORM ASSISTED  
SENATOR MCGOVERN IN SEEING ARAFAT?

A. LET ME PUT IT THIS WAY: IF I AM WRONG, I WILL GET  
BACK TO YOU -- BUT I WOULD ASSUME THAT THE SAME THING  
HOLDS TRUE WITH REGARD TO SENATOR MCGOVERN'S -- ANY MEET-  
ING THAT SENATOR MC GOVERN MAY HAVE HAD WITH MR. ARAFAT,  
THAT THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ARRANGED BY THE SATE  
DEPARTMENT OR ANY OF OUR MISSIONS ABORAD.

Q. BUT THE REASON WHY WE ARE LOOKING AT THIS SO -- OR I  
AM ASKING ABOUT SENATOR MC GOVERN -- IS THAT IT IS  
CURIOUSLY COINCIDENTAL THAT WHEN THE SYRIAN FOREIGN  
MINISTER WAS HERE, SENATOR MC GOVERN AND SENATOR PERCY  
WERE THE TWO SENATORS INVITED TO MEET WITH HIM -- AND OF  
COURSE, BOTH OF THEM HAVE EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE CONFI-  
DENCE IN YASSAR ARAFAT.

SO I WAS WONDERING, THEREFORE, WHETHER OR NOT, THE STATE  
DEPARTMENT HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE MC GOVERN VISIT,  
AS SUCH.

A. WELL, I AM TELLING YOU THAT AS FAR AS I KNOW, THE  
ANSWER IS: NO.

IF I AM WRONG, I WILL GET BACK TO YOU.

Q. WOULD YOU ASSESS THE U.S. POSITION TOWARD ISRAEL NOW  
AS BEING ONE OF PRESSURE?

A. NO.

Q. PRESSURE FOR ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW?  
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A. NO.

Q. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE IT?

A. I THINK THE SECRETARY DESCRIBED IT IN HIS INTERVIEW  
ON SATURDAY. THE PRESIDENT DISCUSSED IT ON JUNE 30, I

BELIEVE, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH MARK CHILDS AND CARL ROWEN.

ESSENTIALLY, WE WANT TO DO ANYTHING WE CAN TO KEEP THE PROCESS OF PEACE MOVING, BECAUSE WIHTOUT KEEPING THAT PROCESS GOING, ONE CAN ENVISAGE A POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICT AT SOME POINT DOWN THE ROAD, AND WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO KEEP THE NEGOTIATING TRACK MOVING.

THAT IS WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO.

Q. IS THIS, WHAT YOU JUST DESCRIBED, MEANING THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL BRING ABOUT SOME FORM OF REDUCTION IN AID IN ITS PRESENTATION TO CONGRESS?

A. NO, THAT SUBJECT HAS NOT -- I DON'T BELIEVE THE QUESTION OF THE AMOUNT OF AID HAS EVEN REACHED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S DESK YET. THE LAST TIME I LOOKED INTO IT, IT HADN'T AND IS STILL AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL.

Q. THE SECRETARY SAID IN AN INTERVIEW ON SATURDAY THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ISRAEL, OR STAND BY ISRAEL "AS LONG AS" -- AS LONG AS CONDITIONS EXIST AND WE CAN PRESENT TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC THAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE -- OR WORDS TO THAT EFFECT.

IS THE NEGATIVE OF THAT TRUE -- THAT IS, IF NO PROGRESS IS BEING MADE, WE MIGHT NOT BE STANDING BY ISRAEL?

A. I AM ALWAYS AN OPTIMIST, AND I DON'T WANT TO FOCUS ON POSSIBLE NEGATIVE ASPECTS HERE.

WE ARE STILL HOPEFUL THAT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE, AND WE ARE DETERMINED TO DO OUR BEST TO SEE THAT THIS IS DONE.  
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Q. IS PROGRESS ALSO -- PRESSURE -- OR REQUEST BEING MADE OF PRESIDENT SADAT TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL AS AN INDEPENDENT JEWISH STATE?

A. I AM NOT GOING TO GET INTO THE DETAILS OF WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT WITH THE TWO SIDES.

OBVIOUSLY, AS HAS BEEN SAID MANY TIMES -- MOST RECENTLY ON SATURDAY BY THE SECRETARY -- BOTH SIDES IN TRYING TO REACH ANOTHER INTERIM AGREEMENT, HAVE TO MAKE CONCESSIONS.

I AM NOT GOING TO GET INTO THE NATURE OF THE CONCESSIONS. I JUST DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE A HELPFUL THING TO DO IN TRYING TO KEEP THIS GOING.

Q. IS THE REASSESSMENT COMPLETED YET?

A. NO.

# SUBSEQUENT TO THE PRESS BRIEFING IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT  
THE SECRETARY WOULD MEET WITH AMBASSADOR DINITZ AT 6:15P.M.  
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